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SUBJ: NDJAMENA QUIET BUT TENSE ONE MONTH AFTER COUP ATTEMPT

- 1. N'DJAMENA IS QUIET WITH GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCE PROCEEDING NORMALLY ONE MONTH AFTER APRIL 1 ATTEMPTED COUP. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS REMAIN TIGHT, WITH PERIODIC ROAD CHECK POINTS AND OCCASIONAL MILITARY SEARCHES OF AFRICAN QUARTERS OF CITY. ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS HAVE HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE AT NIGHT, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO CONFIRMED REPORTS OF ANY SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS.
- 2. NONETHELESS, THE POPULATION AFRICAN AND FOREIGN ALIKE REMAINS TENSE. THERE IS WIDESPREAD EXPECTANCY THAT DISSIDENT OR REBEL GROUPS WILL MAKE SOME MOVE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, EITHER IN N'DJAMENA ITSELF, OR AGAINST GOVERNMENT-HELD POSITIONS IN NORTH OR EAST. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE CONFIRM RUMORS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NEW ARRESTS MADE WITHIN MILITARY.
- 3. THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS, PICKED UP BY BOTH DAO AND EMBASSY, OF A POSSIBLE MAJOR GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. AS LAST MINISTERIAL SHIT OCCURRED NEARLY YEAR AGO. CHANGE IN NEAR FUTURE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING. DWYER

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